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- 1. AUSTRALIAN UN MISSION FIRST SECRETARY OXLEY QUERIED US REP MAY 23 ON STATUS OF US DELIBERATIONS ON NEW NEGATIVE SECURITY ASSURANCE FORMULATION. HE RECALLED THAT AUSTRALIA HAD PREVIOUSLY INDICATED ITS BELIEF THAT A WELL-DRAFTED FORMULATION WOULD BE BENEFICIAL IN FURTHERING OUR SHARED NON-PROLIFERATION INTERESTS.US HAD STATED IT WAS STUDYING ISSUE AND WOULD INFORM AUSTRALIA WHEN A DECISION WAS MADE.
- 2. US REP REPLIED THAT US WOULD NOT BE GOING BEYOND STATEMENT MADE BY PRESIDENT CARTER IN OCTOBER 1977 CONCERNING THIS ISSUE AND THAT WE HAD DECIDED NOT TO PUT FORWARD NEW NEGATIVE SECURITY ASSURANCE FORMULATION.
- 3. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY, OXLEY INDICATED THAT AUSTRALIAN GENERAL DEBATE STATEMENT WOULD PROBABLY CONTAIN A CALL FOR FURTHER NEGATIVE SECURITY ASSURANCES ALONG LINES PRESENTED TO US IN AIDE MEMOIRE IN MARCH. HE ALSO ADDED THAT DECISION HAD JUST BEEN MADE THAT PRIME MINISTER CONFIDENTIAL

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FRASER WOULD DELIVER MAIN AUSTRALIAN STATEMENT AT SSOD VICE FOREIGN MINISTER PEACOCK. YOUNG

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